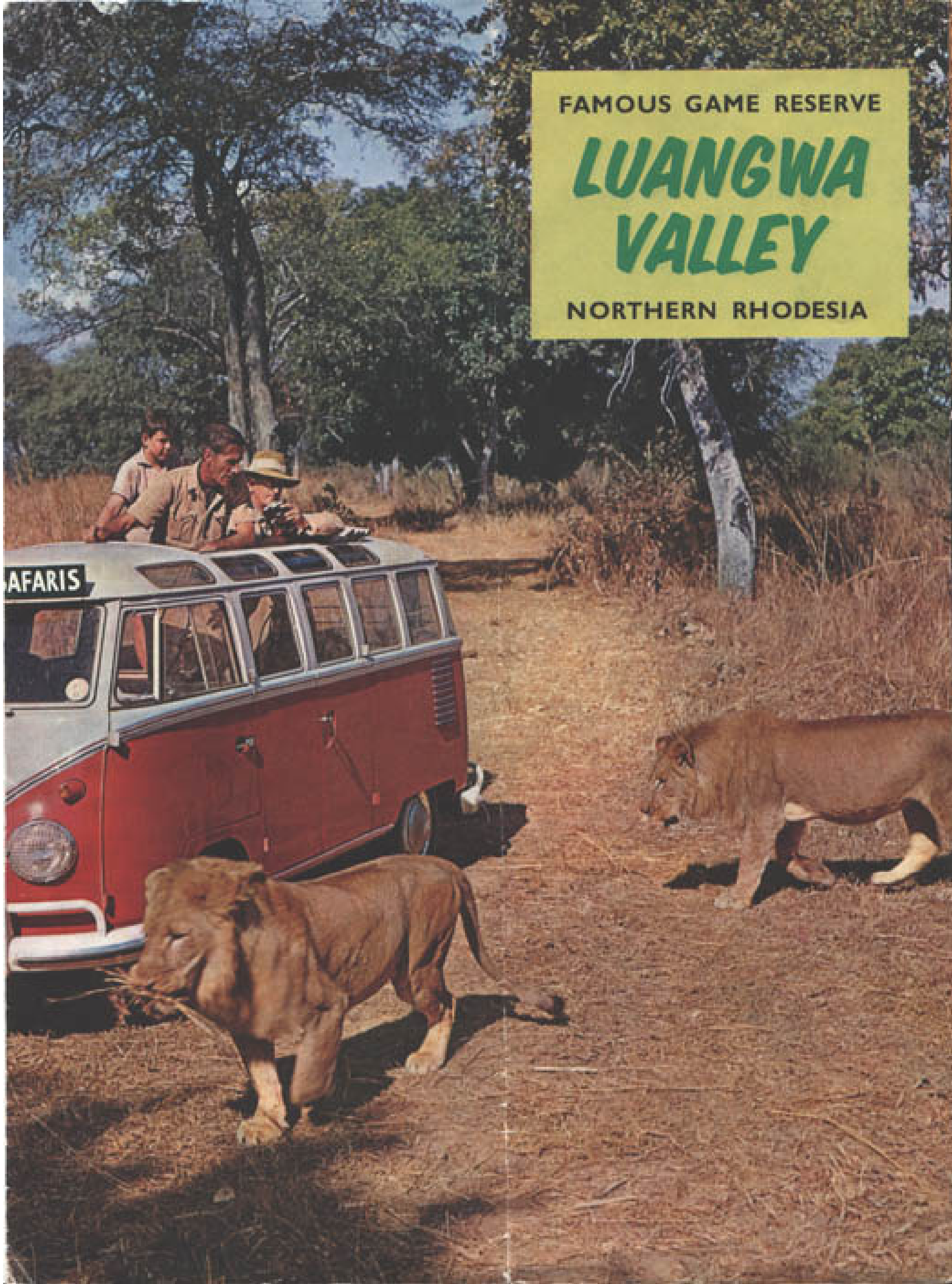


FAMOUS GAME RESERVE

LUANGWA VALLEY

NORTHERN RHODESIA





RIGHT: Top picture shows a pulok and the bottom one marabou sticks eggs in waterbuck. Reasonably good fishing at selected sites can be expected in the Luangwa Valley—elephant can fish, barbel, bream and tiger fish.

Of the larger animals buffalo are the most numerous, occurring in groups of five or six up to herds of 1,000 strong and more. Among the other types of animal that are particularly abundant are elephant, hippopotamus, crocodile, waterbuck, puku and impala. Lions are plentiful, and the valley is the last stronghold in Northern Rhodesia of the black rhinoceros. A race of giraffe, "Thornicroft's", is found only in the Luangwa Valley, and the reserve is also rich in bird life, including a variety of game birds and water fowl, various types of eagle and vulture and a colourful range of rollers and bee-eaters. One of the most spectacular bird sights is a colony of carmine bee-eaters nesting in huge numbers in the sandy banks of the Luangwa River.

A special feature is that visitors are permitted to view game on foot in parties of up to four people (not children under 12 years of age), conducted by armed African guards who are adept at locating animals. These "walks" provide all the thrills of big-game hunting, with cameras in place of rifles. So plentiful is the game that many varietes can be seen without a visitor even moving from the riverbank camps. The antelope wander down to the water to drink, crocodiles drowse on the sandbanks, elephants slide down the sandy slopes to bathe—a grandstand view to be seen from the thatched dining-shelters perched above the river.

The reserve is usually open from about mid-June to the end of October, although the start of the season depends on the timing of the rains. There are at present seven rest camps (Neseru, Luumbe, Big Lagoon, Loto, Mwoto, Lunguzi and Chibwano), all equipped with refrigerators, roundabouts or chalets with comfortable beds and bedding, mosquito nets and lamps are hired at relatively low daily charges. The visitor provides the own food for preparation by the camp cook. Although canned foods and soft drinks are sold at all camps, other supplies like butter, eggs, bacon and alcoholic drinks, should be obtained before entering the reserve. Crockery and cutlery are provided, and petrol and oil are on sale at all camps.

All-inclusive tours of the Luangwa Valley are offered by Central African Airways in conjunction with Central African Safaris. Passengers fly to Fort Livingston and continue to the reserve by safari-car. All arrangements are made by the tour operators on the passengers' behalf, including the provision of rest-camp accommodation, catering, transport and the services of a courier-guide.





LEFT: Schools of hippo and enormous herds of buffalo are features of the Luangwa Valley. These and other game can frequently be seen while taking meals in the open-air thatched dining-room at the camps along the river.



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